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Letter dated 29 July 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I am transmitting herewith for your attention the press release of the Ministry of Defence of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic dated 23 July 2016 on the situation on the line of contact between the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and the Republic of Azerbaijan (see annex).

I kindly request that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 29 July 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Press release

Situation on the line of contact

In the early hours of 23 July, the ceasefire on the line of contact between the armed forces of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and Azerbaijan was violated 18 times by the Azerbaijani army. More than 200 shots were fired from firearms of different calibres towards the positions of the Defence Army of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, including 43 shots from sniper rifles.

On 23 July, at around 0.10 a.m., in the defence area of one of the Defence Army military units located in the south-east, soldier Mher V. Ziloyan, born in 1991, was wounded by a gunshot from the Azerbaijani armed forces.

On 23 July, at around 10.55 a.m., Defence Army soldier Arsen Arakelyan received a fatal gunshot while on patrol in one of the military units in the south-east of the line of contact between the armed forces of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and Azerbaijan.

The Defence Ministry of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic shares the grief of loss and expresses its condolences to the family and relatives of the deceased soldier.

23 July 2016